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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Kanta YAGI, et al. :

Serial No.: :

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

For: EQUIPMENT AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A SOOT PREFORM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached amended pages of specification for the corresponding pages of specification as filed. Also attached is a marked-up copy which contains handwritten changes.

REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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